

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 22-24 are currently pending. Claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,577,535 (Pasternak) in view of U.S. Patent 6,732,304 (Ong). Claims 1-12 and 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,577,535 (Pasternak) in view of U.S. Patent 6,732,304 (Ong) and U.S. Patent No. 5,796,285 (Drouot).

Please amend Claim 1 as set forth herein. Please cancel Claims 4, 11 and 22-25. No new matter has been added.

Regarding the rejection of independent Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), the Examiner states that the combination of Pasternak in view of Ong and Drouot teach each and every limitation of the claim.

Amended Claim 1 recites, in part, that the power control signal and the clock control signal controlling one of the local DC voltage generators also control the unit associated with the one of the local DC voltage generators, features recited in now-cancelled Claim 11. The Examiner alleges that Pasternak discloses these features. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Pasternak in FIG. 2A and at col. 4, line 40 – col. 6, line 24, describes multiple and different voltages within its system. For example, FIG. 2 illustrates V_{in} , V_{out} , and the voltages associated with each of the charge pumps 208 and 210. These multiple voltages of Pasternak are not and cannot be equated with the power control signal and the clock control signal controlling one of the local DC voltage generators also control the unit associated with the one of the local DC voltage generators of Claim 1. Neither Ong nor Drouot cure these defects of Pasternak.

The features of amended Claim 1 are neither taught nor disclosed by any combination of

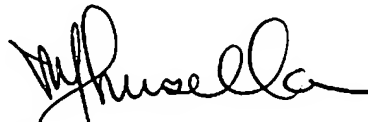
Pasternak, Ong and Drouot.

Accordingly, for at least the above-stated reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

Independent Claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2, 3, 5-10 and 12, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 2, 3, 5-10 and 12 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-3, 5-10 and 12, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Musella", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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